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From the desk of National President

Shalom Mitra Tuhan di marketplace,

Dunia saat ini mengalami percepatan dalam perubahan, Politik lokal dan internasional begitu cepat berubah. Teknologi begitu cepat berubah, demikian pula dengan situasi ekonomi berubah sangat cepat dan tidak menentu. Resesi timbul oleh karena pertumbuhan yang tidak seimbang antara manusia yang disandingkan dengan daya

dukung alam, tetapi dalam waktu yang bersamaan dunia menjadi lebih interdependen (saling bergantung) dan kompleks, inilah yang disebut globalisasi era baru.

Di aspek lainnya yang terkena dampak adalah dengan jelas kita melihat bahwa segala sesuatu melebur dengan cara yang tidak bisa dikontrol, Nilai dan norma berubah dengan cepat, apa yang salah yang lalu bisa menjadi benar hari ini.

Kita harus memahami situasi dan menyadari bahwa kita telah dikandung dalam Kristus, dan semua makhluk (dunia ini) sedang menantikan pernyataan dan jawaban dari anak-anak Tuhan.

Apa yang menggerakkan dunia dengan orang-orang sehingga terjadi seperti ini? Hutang & Krisis, Teknologi baru, Kecerakahan, Ketakutan, Keangkuhan (kebanggaan terhadap diri sendiri) dan kekuasaan atau kekuatan untuk mengontrol orang lain. Namun orang benar digerakkan oleh: Kasih, Sukacita, Damai sejahtera dan Kemerdekaan dalam Kristus. Itulah yang seharusnya menggerakkan manusia dalam semua aspek kehidupannya.

Saudaraku dalam kesempatan ini, mari kita mengucap syukur kepada Tuhan, pada PILKADA serentak 15 Februari 2017 telah berhasil diselenggarakan dengan aman di 101 daerah propinsi dan kabupaten di Indonesia, Khususnya di DKI Jakarta, apresiasi khususnya diberikan kepada pemerintah dan juga masyarakat yang terlibat dan mari kita tetap berdoa untuk putaran ke-dua di DKI Jakarta dapat berlangsung dengan aman.

Mitra Tuhan di marketplace yang luar biasa, mewakili seluruh National Board, kami menyampaikan terimakasih untuk seluruh doa, donasi dan partisipasi anda untuk ICCC-Indonesia (International Christian Chambers of Commerce)

Tuhan Yesus memberkati.

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Success to Significance

Profile on: Rick Brekelbaum,
Retired Exxon Corp. Executive
by Rick Brekelbaum



Several years ago I was challenged to think about what I had accomplished in my life and what I would do over the remainder of the years I may be allowed to live. My

upbringing, education and career were centered very much on accomplishing (i.e. being all that I could be.)

I was born in America to the upper middle-class family. My parents instilled in me honesty, integrity, hard work, value of money and the education it could buy. The education I received was the best money could buy: a BA from Stanford University and an MBA from Northwestern's Kellogg School of Business.

I married my high school sweetheart and headed off for New York upon graduation with the MBA after joining one of the world's largest and most successful companies. My early career was very much focused on advancing up the professional ladder and I eventually became an executive manager with over 17 years of experience living, working and raising a family outside the USA.

Successful Yet Not Fulfilled

however, inside I started to question how shallow pure success-oriented living was. Much of society's emphasis on values of money, possessions, power, prestige, pleasure etc. seemed to be so empty and non-fulfilling. For example, how much money was enough and did it really buy happiness? The

news was filled with many unhappy, unfulfilled multi-millionaires. I also saw examples of power corrupting and pleasures so short-lived that often lead to devastating consequences for families.

Solution with Lasting Value

At that time, I made a decision to surrender my life to Christ and follow Him. My whole life came into balance - job, family and faith. I truly experienced the truth of Matthew 6:33: "*Seek first His kingdom and righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you.*" I realized then it was all about doing things in God's strength, via the power of the Holy Spirit and not by my own efforts.

Later in my career I finally appreciated the true concept of significance in life - something that had lasting value and would impact society for generations to come. I noticed that most people who truly had a positive impact on people were others-centered and not self-centered as my generation had been taught in looking out for No 1. People like Mother Teresa, President Lincoln, Gandhi, Jonas Salk, Martin Luther King, Bill Wilson (founder of AA Alcoholics Anonymous) etc. acted out of altruistic desires to better their generations and those to come. They made sacrifices and gave up relatively "cushy" lives in order to serve others and establish a legacy.

Long-Lasting Legacy

I then was challenged to consider how my LIFE (labor, influence, finance/resources and expertise) could be used to have an impact on

others. I was stretched to think outside the realm of my own family and career. Certainly the influence I had on my sons and their families was important and something we had been working on in order to leave a long-lasting legacy. This even led us to consider retiring early as we realized how blessed financially we were, that I could retire, have enough to live on and give to my family, as well as others. We thought about the years remaining that God might give us and what were we to do with them? That led us to ponder the verse: "*Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom*" (Psalm 90:12). We have now devoted a portion of our time working with Latin American leaders to help encourage them in the transformation of their communities as they teach personal and corporate leadership, time-tested values and standards and principles.

In conclusion, I realized that there is nothing inherently wrong in seeking success. At the same time ensuring that the measures of success were something that would lead to significance, not necessarily in some earth-shattering invention or contribution but something that would be others-centered and serving a benefit for others in my family and society through God's power. When we get to heaven, we want to receive Christ's blessing of: "*Well done, good and faithful servant!*" (Matthew 25:21).

Are you at the place in your life where you want your life to count for significance? Would you like to help other people reach their potential?

Why not let Jesus show you how to do this? If you don't know Jesus, we encourage you to pray the following prayer:

Lord Jesus, I want to know You personally. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive You as my Savior and Lord. Thank You for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life. Take control of my life. Make me be the person You want me to be. Amen.

Is it the desire of your heart to make this prayer yours?

If yes, pray now and according to his promise, Jesus Christ will come into your life.



10 U.S. Companies You Didn't Know Had Religious Founders

By Don Lee

Some business leaders make no secret of their religious faith or how it affects the way they run their companies – Chick-Fil-A and Hobby Lobby, for example, were much in the news for their founders' religious stances. With others, it might be surprising. Here are 10 U.S. companies whose religious roots

might not be so obvious:

1. Marriot: Bibles in the drawer in the hotel room are almost a given, but it goes beyond that in the Marriott hotel chain, according to Business Insider. Founder John Willard Marriott was a leader in the Mormon Church when he built his company. Marriott guests often find the Book of Mormon along with a Bible in their rooms, and you won't find pay-per-view porn on your room TV, [according to a report from Business Insider](#).

2. JetBlue: JetBlue passengers will often find founder and CEO David Neeleman on their plane, greeting them while wearing a flight attendant's apron. This approach to customer service has roots in Neeleman's time as a Mormon missionary. "My missionary experience obliterated class distinction for me," [he says in the book *The Mormon Way of Doing Business*](#). "I learned to treat everyone the same. If anything, I have a disdain for the upper class and people who think they are better than others."

3. ServiceMaster: You might hire a ServiceMaster company to clean your house (Merry Maids) or kill the bugs (Terminix) but you might not know founder Marlon Wade, a former baseball player, started his business out of his home, determined to run it the way his "strong personal faith" said he should, [according to the company history](#).

4. George Foreman Grill: That "lean, mean fat-reducing grilling machine" is brought to you by George Foreman, the company spokesman who credits his business success with a "religious awakening" he experienced a few years after retiring from professional boxing, one that led him to ministering to youth on the streets of Houston.

[He told Success magazine](#) that integrity was good business sense as well. "You must preserve the quality of your name, your integrity," he said. "You don't want to lie about anything."

5. Carl's Jr.: "Hamblor, the God of Hamburgers," was a feature of Carl's Jr. commercials in 2011, but the hamburger chain's late founder, Carl Karcher, and

current chief executive Andy Puzder, shared a deep Catholic faith, according to [Bloomberg Business News](#) – which notes that the ad agency behind the “Hambor” commercials was David & Goliath.

6. Interstate Batteries: The boss of Interstate Batteries gets a charge out of Christianity. In fact, Norm Miller stepped aside as president to become chairman to allow more time to address Christian audiences, [reported CNN](#).

7. Forever 21: You might not like your daughter going out in the saucy, skimpy duds she bought at Forever 21, but Christians might like the message on the bag in which she brought it home: “John 3:16” is printed on the bottom of each of the clothing giant’s bags as a “demonstration of the owner’s faith,” [according to CNN](#). Business Insider reports the Chang Family are born-again Christians.

8. H.E.B.: Texans might be familiar with the grocery chain H.E.B., but they might not know vice chairman Howard E. Butt Jr. and the Rev. Billy Graham worked together in the 1950s on spiritual programs for business people. Butt, now a preacher, also runs a Christian retreat. Until 1976, [Business Insider notes](#), H.E.B. stores were closed Sundays and would not sell alcohol.

9. Curves: Curves gyms are heaven for women who want to work out without being ogled or judged, and even the founder’s name is “Heavin.” But that’s not all. Gary Heavin, a born-again Christian, stuck to his conservative political views and support of anti-abortion causes even when that led some members to cancel their memberships, said Business Insider.

10. Tom's of Maine: Natural toothpaste for sensitive teeth is why many people turn to Tom’s of Maine. But even though the company is “not that outwardly religious,” [according to Business Insider](#), founder Tom Chappell is a Harvard Divinity School graduate who, on the advice of one of his professors, treats his business “like a ministry.”

6 Types of Blessings and Curses

By [Eston by Swaby](#)

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The book of Deuteronomy chapter 28 is the primary scripture in **the Bible** that deals with blessings and curses. There are literally millions of people #living on the earth at this very moment that are under a curse. The general reasons why people are either blessed or cursed is obedience, or failure to obey the word of #God. “And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth.....if though wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God.... that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee”- #Deuteronomy 28:1, 15). We can therefore conclude that when we obey the word of the Lord, then he will bless us; however, when we are disobedient, he will curse us. There are 6 types of blessing and curses that we can deduce from Deuteronomy 28, these are: **6 #Types of Blessings**

1. **Exaltation.** The Lord promised the children of Israel that if they should hearken or listen and obey his commandment, then he will exalt them above all the nations upon the earth. When you obey the commandments of the Lord as written in the Bible (remember we are not under the law but under grace, therefore we need to obey the commandments that comes under grace in the New Testament), he promises that he will exalt you wherever you go. Everyone will see that the hands of the Lord are upon you.
2. **Prosperity.** The Lord promised the Children of Israel that when they obey his commandment then “blessed shalt thou be in the field....and the fruit of the ground, and the fruit of thy cattle... blessed shall be thy basket and thy store....The Lord shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee”-Deuteronomy 28:3-5, 8. This promise is being made to each one of us today. The Lord has promised us that he will make us prosperous if we walk in his commandment. You will never lack.
3. **Victory.** The Lord said unto the Israelites, “The Lord shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways” (vs. 7). When you walk in the fear of the Lord people will rise up against you but their counsel shall not stand because “No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper...”- Isaiah 54:17
4. **Head and not the Tale-** The head is the part of the body that makes the decision, while the tale is dragged around. God is not promising you that he will make you the boss of your company or head of government, but what he is telling you that he will exalt

you and people will come to you instead of you going to them for advice and blessing. He will set you up and you will be respected by even your enemies.

5. **Fruitfulness.** Children are a heritage from the Lord (Ps 127:3) and is therefore seen as a blessing. The Lord has promised that the woman womb will be fruitful (Ps 128:3) when you obey the Lord. One of the things that is very noticeable with the Israelites is that the men had a lot of children.
6. **Health.** Sickness is not of God (though at times he will afflict you with sickness when you do not obey the Lord). When you obey the Lord he will not allow sickness to have free reign in your life. If he does it is to build you or to prove a point in your life. Many people are sick because of their action, for example they consume too many sweets.

6 Types of Curses in the Bible They are 6 types of curse in the Bible, these are:

1. **Humiliation**
2. **Barrenness-** The opposite of fruitfulness is barrenness. One of the reasons why many women cannot get pregnant is because a curse exists in the family or specifically on her life, or that of the husband. Additionally, some of the complications women are having that prevents them from having a baby are caused from a curse in the family. Perhaps the man of the woman committed a sin or did something that caused the Lord, or Satan, to curse the womb of the woman. Or the cause of her barrenness could be that of a generational curse in the family.
3. **Sickness of every kind.** One evidence of the Children of Israel being curse is when sickness is upon the land, “The Lord will afflict you with the boils of Egypt and with tumors, festering sores and the itch, from which you cannot be cured. The Lord will afflict

you with madness, blindness and confusion of mind. At midday you will grope about like a blind person in the dark. You will be unsuccessful in everything you do; day after day you will be oppressed and robbed, with no one to rescue you.”- Deuteronomy 28:27-29

Many people are suffering from sickness because there is curse in the family or upon their lives. If you or someone you know is always suffering from a particular sickness and there seems to be no cure or the sickness getting better, then the sickness is caused from a curse that needs to be broken. Moreover, it is not natural for anyone to always getting broken legs, meeting in accidents etc. Unless this curse is broken then the sickness will continue.

4. **Poverty and failure.** It is not the will of God that his people live in poverty, poverty or lack is not for the children of God. If you are always working but can't seem to make ends meet no matter what you do, or you never have enough then you may be under a curse.

There are some people that are always broke, always in debt and always lacking. Today they are on top, but tomorrow they are on their face. It does not matter what they do or how much money they received each month, they always lack. I do agree that at times the Lord will test your faithfulness or bring you through a process of lack, but this is not forever. If you are always 'going through a process' then your process may be caused from a curse. Additionally, if everything you put your hands to fail, then something is seriously wrong. No one always have bad luck or failure.

5. **Defeat.** When the Children of Israel walked contrary to the will of God, God would at times allow their enemies to come upon them and defeat them. You can know you are under a curse when people are always fighting against you and succeeding,

especially when you are innocent. It is not natural for people always to fight against you and win, if they do then you need to take a check of your life.

6. **Tale and not the head.** If the head is the one that makes the decision, then the tale is the one that is always following or being drag along. God does not expect or create us to always be beneath others but he wants us to be above. If people are always stepping on you and your always be dragged along, then your life may be under a curse.

In your spare time please take some time to read the entire chapter of Deuteronomy 28. If you believe your life is under a curse, then you need to break the curse. I will post in another article the things that can bring you under a curse on how to break them. Have anything to share? I would love to hear from you. Please subscribe if you like this article and also share it with your friends.

VISI DAN TUJUAN ICCC

International Christian Chamber of Commerce (ICCC) lahir dari kepatuhan terhadap visi yang diberikan selama kurun waktu enam tahun kepada seorang usahawan Swedia J. Gunnar Olson, yang diteguhkan dengan nubuatan dan terbukanya pintu kesempatan disekitarnya yang sebelumnya tertutup.

ICCC merupakan panggilan yang serius dan menantang bagi pengusaha Kristen untuk mengenali jaman yang sedang kita masuki dan dengan terang dari pengenalan itu memasuki dimensi iman yang baru yang disediakan bagi mereka yang ...” *takut akan TUHAN ... berbicara satu sama lain ... dan menghormati namaNya.*” (Maleakhi 3: 16)



Visi ini memanggil para pengusaha dan kaum profesi di seluruh dunia yang terbeban untuk saling berhubungan, bertukar pendapat, memperdagangkan barang dan menyediakan jasa, saling mendukung dan menguatkan secara rohani dan materi.

Berdasarkan eksistensi dari visi itu sendiri memproklamkan otoritas Kristus yang mutlak diseluruh dunia.

Pada intinya ICCC adalah kehendak TUHAN untuk memperluas tali kasih-Nya, melalui gereja-Nya, didalam dunia usaha. Hal ini menuntut para pelaku bisnis mencari terlebih dahulu Kerajaan-Nya dan segala Kebenaran-Nya.

Urapan tersedia bagi mereka yang dengan mata melihat dan telinga mendengar panggilan jaman.

Sebagaimana halnya Raja Daud yang menerima urapan untuk menjadi raja, jauh sebelum dia menjadi Raja, yang keadaan pada saat urapan diberikan sama sekali tidak mungkin bagi Daud untuk menjadi Raja, demikianlah ICCC memanggil para pengusaha Kristen sebelum peristiwanya terjadi untuk mengalami kebebasan masuk ke dalam dimensi baru, dimana sasaran, strategi dan perencanaan bersama-sama diwujudkan-nyatakan sesuai dengan iman di dalam Kristus.

ICCC mencanangkan panggilan itu sejalan dengan rencana TUHAN bagi jaman ini sebagai kunci memperoleh berkat dan pertumbuhan dan agar dapat bangkit berkemenangan diatas gelombang ombak yang mengancam.

Panggilan ICCC: *“Mereka akan menjadi milik kesayanganKu sendiri, firman TUHAN semesta Alam pada hari yang Kusiapkan. Aku akan mengasihi mereka sama seperti seseorang menyayangi anaknya yang melayani dia. Maka kamu akan melihat kembali perbedaan antara orang benar dan orang fasik, antara orang yang beribadah kepada TUHAN dan orang yang tidak beribadah kepada-Nya.” (Maleakhi 3: 17-18)*

KEYAKINAN IMAN ICCC:

- Satu-satunya TUHAN pencipta segala sesuatu dalam kesatuan Trinitas: Bapa, Anak, dan Roh Kudus.
- Keilahian TUHAN Yesus Kristus. Kelahiran-Nya dari rahim seorang Perawan. Karya penebusan dosa manusia melalui kematian-Nya diatas kayu salib. Kebangkitan-Nya. Hak otoritas diri-Nya atas dunia dan Kedatangan-Nya yang kedua kali dalam Kuasa dan Kemuliaan-Nya.
- Alkitab, sepenuhnya sebagai Firman TUHAN yang memberikan inspirasi dan berbagai peraturan bagi kehidupan yang dilandasi iman.
- Keselamatan pribadi orang berdosa dan kebutuhannya untuk mengalami proses regenerasi melalui8 karya Roh Kudus dalam menuju menjadikannya sebagai manusia yang dikehendaki oleh TUHAN, seutuhnya.



Transformed Working Life (TWL) adalah Pelatihan resmi dari Kantor Internasional bagi anggota ICCC dalam memperlengkapi anggota dengan pengetahuan dan pemahaman latar belakang, tujuan dan penerapan prinsip-prinsip Kerajaan TUHAN bagi dunia bisnis dan profesi.

TWL diperuntukkan bagi anggota dan dapat diikuti secara cuma-cuma, namun terbuka juga bagi siapa saja yang berminat untuk mengikutinya.

TWL diselenggarakan dalam bahasa Indonesia dan dilengkapi dengan buku panduannya, yang telah diterjemahkan kedalam Bahasa Indonesia juga, sehingga para peserta betul-betul akan memperoleh manfa'at yang besar dan mengalami transformasi dalam kehidupan pribadi maupun bisnisnya.

TWL difasilitasi oleh anggota National Board yang terlatih dan dikoordinir oleh V.P. Teaching: Benjamin B. Juwono bersama dengan Teaching Team: Johanis S. Najohn dan Eliezer H. Hardjo

Transformed Working Life (TWL) akan ditayangkan dalam salah satu channel di Indonesia agar dapat dimanfaatkan oleh para pebisnis & profesional Kristiani di Indonesia bagaimana menerapkan prinsip-prinsip Kerajaan Tuhan dalam kehidupan berbisnis dan bekerja mereka.

TWL bagi members secara rutin diadakan pada hari Sabtu ke 2 setiap bulan dan terbuka dan dianjurkan bagi semua member untuk mengikutinya sebagai pembekalan wajib.

DEVOTIONAL



WHEN GOD SLAPPED MY FACE

DR. Leon Pippin

“I [God] will not give my glory to another.” Isaiah 42:8

At times, however, I’ve tried to steal it from Him.

I had recently returned to Florida from Indiana after having directed and choreographed the drama for four large Christmas city-wide concerts. I had written about 60 personalized thank-you letters to the cast and crew who had helped me, including my assistant director, but had not received one response from any of them. One day I was sharing with a friend that I had given my time, energy, and talent as a volunteer for six months, and no one even bothered to respond.

“It’s amazing,” I said, “how some people, even Christians, can be very ungrateful.”

“So now,” my friend asked, “you’re complaining about their ungratefulness?”

Ouch. God slapped my face.

Was I complaining or just explaining the situation? I asked, “Wouldn’t you want to know that at least one person appreciated all the hard work and long hours?”

“Sounds to me like you’re having a pity party,” she replied. “So, did you do it to get praise and a pat on the back?”

Ouch. God slapped my face again.

Then my friend reminded me about Jesus and the ten lepers. He had healed all ten of them, but only one had returned to thank him. “How do you think he felt?”

“I guess I never considered it. After all, He’s God. He can shoulder disappointments.”

“Well, then, do you think you’re better than the Lord himself?” she asked.

Ouch. A hard slap.

As God used Nathan to convict David (see 2 Samuel 12:1-9), so God used my friend to be my Nathan. I always thought I was motivated by service, not recognition. I was having a pity party. I needed to serve the Lord whether I heard applause or not.

My friend ended our conversation with a pungent take home kick: “There might be something more, too. Maybe the Lord

knows you needed a refresher course in humility.”

Ouch. God slapped my face again.

I was getting the message. I could only get slapped so long. Finally, bruised and bleeding, I fell on my knees and searched the Scriptures to understand how God disciplines his own. After a long, prayerfully painful search, I got off my knees, content with Hebrews 12:5: “Do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son.”

“Hey,” I wanted to shout, “He really loves me!”

The question, why does God punish his children? Plagued me. Now Romans 8:29 answered it: that we might “be conformed to the likeness of his Son” and part of that likeness is “He humbled himself.” (Philippians 2:8)

My heart was jumping up and down. Even though the old nature often resists, the Spirit within was begging: “Humble me, Lord. Humble me.” God, my omniscient father, was lovingly correcting his child. He showed me that craving public recognition is not being conformed to his humility.

My epiphany, at last: His slaps were preparing me to continue what I had been doing, but now, with a renewed motive, I would labour to see that his significant name and fame - Christ himself - lit up the marquee of my life.

God brought confirmation that I was making progress. He provided a Christmas musical, written by a member of our church, for me to direct and choreograph. He had given me another chance to do all things “in all humility of mind.” Acts 20:19 KJV. I’d had enough wake-up slaps to last for a while, and, though I didn’t solicit his correction, I’m thankful for the reminder that “the Lord disciplines those he loves” Hebrews 12:5. His refresher course is teaching me that his name must dominate all the credits that run at the end of my life’s story. My prayer is that I no longer usurp his glory.

I used to tease one of my college friends that he must be on his fourth volume of *Humility and How I Attained It*. Now I can start on my first and, hopefully, only volume. I’ll give it the title, *Humility and How I Attained It, One Slap at a Time*.

TERIMAKASIH

Telah membaca Newsletter ini dan juga meneruskannya kepada teman dan relasi bisnis Anda